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1. The following chart shows the organizational status of the LDP for 1951:

<u>Land</u>	<u>Kreis Organizations</u>	<u>Municipal Organizations</u>	<u>Local Groups</u>	<u>Industrial Groups</u>
Berlin	11		32	12
Brandenburg	25	2	472	94
Mecklenburg	20	1	310	73
Saxony-Anhalt	35		1,250	536
Saxony	29	1	973	721
Thuringia	21	1	941	354
Total	141	5	3,932	1,790

2. Following is a list of the membership of the LDP in 1952:

<u>Land</u>	<u>Adults</u>		<u>Minor</u>	
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Berlin	755	343	262	25
Brandenburg	8,036	3,573	431	175
Mecklenburg	5,624	2,285	834	340
Saxony-Anhalt	31,435	11,605	4,779	2,224
Saxony	26,777	13,195	6,295	2,756
Thuringia	21,434	8,434	3,538	2,130
Total	94,901	37,433	15,343	7,690

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3. It is to be noted that in 1951 the Saxony-Anhalt Land organization was leader in total membership; the Saxony Land organization led in membership from 1945 to 1950. Total Saxony Land organization membership for 1951 was 25 percent less than in 1950. The decrease in membership in the largest LDP Kreis (organization in the DDR (Leipzig) is especially striking: this group, which in 1947 had 14,000 members, now has only about 6,500.
4. The following chart shows the number of people who joined and left the LDP in 1951:

<u>Workers</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>Resigned</u>
Workers	144	389
Salaries Workers	353	363
Farmers	50	240
Businessmen	4	31
Artisans	72	148
Independent Merchants	37	103
Professionals (Freie Berufe)	53	125
Housewives	97	226
Others	67	110
<u>Total</u>	<u>897</u>	<u>1,925</u>